# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TOURISM
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:243
ANSWERED ON:10.08.2006
DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST CIRCUITS
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for integrated development of tourist circuits;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the development works sanctioned under the said scheme alongwith the financial assistance provided during 2004-05 and 2005-06, State/Union Territory-wise;

(d) whether the Union Government has received any proposals/requests from the State Governments/Union Territories Administration for financial assistance for the development of tourist circuits in their States/U.Ts during the current year; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. +243 ANSWERED ON 10.8.2006 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST CIRCUITS

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Tourism has formulated a scheme of 'Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits' which includes integrated development of tourist circuits. The Ministry of Tourism extends central financial assistance to State/UT Governments for integrated development of tourist circuits, which are prioritized in consultation with them. The central financial assistance is subject to a ceiling of Rs.8.00 crore for development of each tourist circuit. The State/UT Governments concerned are responsible for making the land available including providing external infrastructure and subsequent management and maintenance of assets created with central assistance.

(c): The details of the projects sanctioned for development of tourist circuits and the financial assistance provided by the Ministry of Tourism to various States/UTs during the years 2004-05, and 2005-06 are given in Annexures-1 & II respectively.

(d) & (e): The projects relating to development of tourist circuits prioritized in consultation with the State/UT Governments for financial assistance during the current year is given in Annexure-III. So far the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs.1730.14 lakh and released Rs.1406.80 lakh for development of the four tourist circuits as given in Annexure-IV.